

# Hadwen Park Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

6 Clover Street, Worcester MA 01603

www.hadwenparkchurch.org

September 13, 2020



## Rally Day!

PRELUDE: "Reflection Rag"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Sarah Sund-Lussier, Associate Pastor, pastorsarahhpc@gmail.com

CALL TO WORSHIP

Quashawn Sund-Lussier

Leaders: Bless GOD, O friends: with all our strength, bless thy holy name.  
Bless GOD, O friends, and never forget God's gifts—

**People: Bless GOD, O friends: with all our strength, bless thy holy name.  
Bless GOD, O friends, and never forget God's gifts—**

Leaders: Forgiveness flowing into healing,  
Tireless goodness and joy:  
Strength and youth of the Eagle's flight.

**People: Bless GOD, O friends: with all our strength, bless thy holy name.  
Bless GOD, O friends, and never forget God's gifts—**

Leaders: Vindication, justice for all those oppressed;  
Liberation from bondage, and guidance for the way;  
Unending mercy, steadfast love.

**People: Bless GOD, O friends: with all our strength, bless thy holy name.  
Bless GOD, O friends, and never forget God's gifts—**

Leaders: For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is God's love toward those who are faithful;  
As a parent has compassion for children,  
so our God has compassion for us.

**People: Bless GOD, O friends: with all our strength, bless thy holy name.  
Bless GOD, O friends, and never forget God's gifts.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Susan Crimer, sfcrimer@gmail.com

WELCOME STATEMENT

Maurice Newman, newmanmaurice62@yahoo.com

OPENING HYMN: "Great Is Your Faithfulness"

Brett Maguire

**Great is your faithfulness, O God, Creator, with you no shadow of turning we see.  
You do not change, your compassions they fail not; all your great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

Chorus:

**Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed your hand has provided, great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!**

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness to your great faithfulness, mercy and love. (Chorus)**

***Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring, your own dear presence to cheer and to guide.  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine with ten thousand beside. (Chorus)***

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Pastor Sarah

***Congregation: Receive the Word of God.***

***Learn its stories and study its words.***

***Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all.***

***They tell us who we are as the children of God.***

***They tell us that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God.***

***May each one of you be blessed by your reading.***

HEBREW SCRIPTURE: Psalm 103:1-13

Ryan Diaz & Ryan Carenzo

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits — who forgives all your iniquity,

who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

SERMON: "Forgiveness"

Pastor Sarah

ANTHEM: "I Wanna Sing"

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BLESSING OF BACKPACKS, BRIEFCASES, DEVICES

Pastor Sarah

OFFERING

The Rev. Judy Hanlon, Senior Pastor, [gracelift@aol.com](mailto:gracelift@aol.com)

Date	Offering	Weekly Need	Weekly Offering vs. Weekly Need	YTD Offering vs. YTD Need
8/2/20	\$3,735	\$3,996	(\$261)	\$10,747
8/9/20	\$5,110	\$3,996	\$1,114	\$11,861
8/16/20	\$2,715	\$3,996	(\$1,281)	\$10,580
8/23/20	\$1,263	\$3,996	(\$2,734)	\$7,847
8/30/20	\$1,850	\$3,996	(\$2,146)	\$5,701
9/6/20	\$3,505	\$3,996	(\$491)	\$5,210
Where we are vs. our 2020 Full-Year Pledge Commitment --->				\$5,210

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OFFERTORY: "Amazing Grace"

Pastor Judy

ASCRPTION of PRAISE

Brett Maguire

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
 Praise God, all creatures here below.  
 Praise God for all that love has done:  
 Creator, Christ and Spirit, One.***

CLOSING HYMN: "Help Us Accept Each Other"

Brett Maguire

***Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;  
 teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.  
 Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe:  
 we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.***

***Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life  
 we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.  
 Teach us to care for people, for all - not just for some,  
 to love them as we find them or as they may become.***

***Let your acceptance change us so that we may be moved  
 in living situations to do the truth in love;  
 to practice your acceptance until we know by heart  
 the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.***

***Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,  
 who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread,  
 we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:  
 renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!***

CHORAL BENEDICTION

***One in love, one in friendship true, one in hope, one in spirit, too;  
 One in faith that God will care for you, 'til we meet together again.***

BLESSING

POSTLUDE: "This Little Light of Mine"

HPC church family

If you have photos of the Light shining at HPC over the years, please send them to Ed O'Donnell or Cindy Young.  
(eodonnell@holycross.edu or cynwilyou@gmail.com)

Watch each week for images of faithfulness at the corner of Clover and Knox.

**Please join our virtual coffee hour at 11 a.m.**

We will be able to see each other's beautiful face! See instructions on original email or contact  
pastorsarahhpc@gmail.com.



**GALA 2020**  
**envision the future**  
> > > > > > > > **LGBT ASYLUM TASK FORCE**

You are cordially invited to a virtual evening of celebration, dining and dancing.  
Hear from asylum seekers, as they share their visions for the future!  
Saturday, September 26, 2020  
**More information: [www.lgbtasylum.org/gala](http://www.lgbtasylum.org/gala)**

**HPC Video Worship / Social Media Team:**

The Rev. Judith Hanlon, The Rev. Sarah Sund-Lussier, Brett Maguire, Edward O'Donnell,  
Alford Green, Cynthia Young

**Music Licensing:**

CCLI License #1596232

**Schedule for the Week**

(Schedule is subject to change; consult HPC website for updated activity list.)

**[www.hadwenparkchurch.org](http://www.hadwenparkchurch.org)**

Send email to person in charge to learn how to access these virtual events.

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	<b>Sunday School, grades K thru 5</b>	sfcramer@gmail.com
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	<b>Morning Worship on YouTube</b> <i>Link available on website each Saturday evening.</i>	<a href="http://www.hadwenparkchurch.org">www.hadwenparkchurch.org</a>
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	<b>Sunday School, ages 2,3,4</b>	sfcramer@gmail.com
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	<b>Virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom</b>	<a href="mailto:pastorsarahhpc@gmail.com">pastorsarahhpc@gmail.com</a>
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	<b>Bible Study Care Group on Zoom</b>	<a href="mailto:gracelift@aol.com">gracelift@aol.com</a>